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In
Remembrance

Bess R. Cunningham

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of
His hand. . .

(Our verse expresses our wishes and our prayers)

DATE OF BIRTH

July 6, 1884

DATE OF DEATH

December 4, 1977

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICES

Callahan Chapel, 1:30 p.m., Wed. Dec. 7

CLERGYMAN

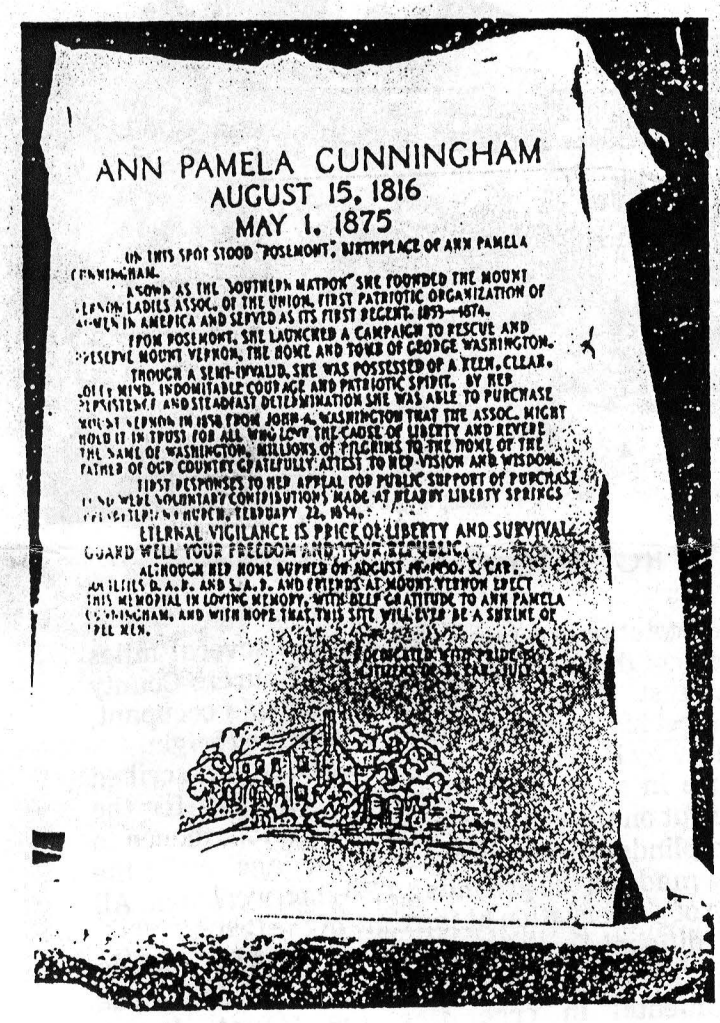
Rev. Walter Smith, Jr.

PLACE OF INTERMENT

Highland Lawn Cemetery

Revealed in will . . . .

Ann P. Cuningham realized importance of Mt. Vernon efforts


ANN PAMELA CUNNINGHAM
AUGUST 15, 1816
MAY 1, 1875
ON THIS SPOT STOOD "POSEMONT," BIRTHPLACE OF ANN PAMELA CUNNINGHAM.
AS OWN AS THE "SOUTHERN MATRON" SHE FOUNDED THE MOUNT VERNON LADIES ASSOC. OF THE UNION, FIRST PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN IN AMERICA AND SERVED AS ITS FIRST REGENT. 1853—1874.
FROM POSEMONT, SHE LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO RESCUE AND PRESERVE MOUNT VERNON, THE HOME AND TOMB OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.
THOUGH A SEMI-INVALID, SHE WAS POSSESSED OF A KEEN, CLEAR, ORDERLY MIND, INDOMITABLE COURAGE AND PATRIOTIC SPIRIT. BY HER PERSISTENCE AND STEADFAST DETERMINATION SHE WAS ABLE TO PURCHASE MOUNT VERNON IN 1858 FROM JOHN A. WASHINGTON THAT THE ASSOC. MIGHT HOLD IT IN TRUST FOR ALL WHO LOVE THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY AND REVERE THE NAME OF WASHINGTON. MILLIONS OF PILGRIMS TO THE HOME OF THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY GRATEFULLY ATTEST TO HER VISION AND WISDOM.
FIRST RESPONSES TO HER APPEAL FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT OF PURCHASE FUND WERE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE AT NEARBY LIBERTY SPRINGS CHURCH, FEBRUARY 22, 1854.
ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS PRICE OF LIBERTY AND SURVIVAL
GUARD WELL YOUR FREEDOM AND YOUR REPUBLIC.
ALTHOUGH HER HOME BURNED OF AUGUST [illegible], S. CAR. ANTELLIS D. A. R. AND L. A. R. AND FRIENDS AT MOUNT VERNON ERECT THIS MEMORIAL IN LOVING MEMORY, WITH DEEP GRATITUDE TO ANN PAMELA CUNNINGHAM, AND WITH HOPE THAT THIS SITE WILL EVER BE A SHRINE OF PEACE MEN.

THIS MARKER stands in Laurens County near birthplace of Ann Pamela Cuningham, whose unflaging efforts resulted in the preservation of Mount Vernon, home of George Washington, as a national shrine.

Ann Pamela Cinningham, one of Laurens County's most famous women, named her nephew, Clarence Cunningham, principal heir to her fortune when the will was filed for probate in 1875.

Written on April 13, 1871, the will included many small details and bequeaths, possibly because by the time she wrote it, Miss Cunningham realized the importance to U. S. history of the many things in her possession.

Some of the more interesting paragraphs from the will, which is filed in the Laurens County archives, are:

"I bequeath to the Mt. Vernon Association the four photographs presented to me by my lamented friend Edward Everett after my first visit to Mr. Vernon because he regarded this visit as instrumental to the final sale of Mt. Vernon to said association. Also the gold pen with paper knife (presented to me by Dr. H. L. Hodge of Philiadelphia) with which the contract for Mt. Vernon was signed; the lamp by which I wrote during the first and second years of labors for Mt. Vernon; the ink-stand used at same period, the piece of wood taken from Washington's coffin given me by Mrs. Byrd, a neice of Mrs. Indge Washington; the envelope containing a few of his hairs presented by Mrs. Lee; and the piece of clock presented to him by Charles of Spain, given me by Mrs. Lewis of Virginia."

"I bequeath to my faithful servant Clifford the use for his life, 20 acres of cleared land (good quality) with the privilege of getting wood for fire and fencing, a horse or mule if he does not own one, with the privilege of getting his cotton ginned and packed without tole."

"I wish my hair to be cut off at my decease and a lock to be given to each of my relatives and friends who may desire it, also to each of the Vice Regents of the Mt. Vernon Assoc., who may with it as a memoriam of the patriotic worth in which we were colaboreers."

"Having no hope of condition of peace and security for the future in my beloved state and being unwilling to subject my remains to contigencies which might arise on a lonely plantation I desire my Executors or my friends to have me interred in a cemetry in Alexandria, Virginia, the home of my

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David, I saw your query on the Laurens Co. S.C. Website and thought that you would like a copy of this info. which I found at the L. Co. Library.

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maternal ancestry and if possible, in the one attached to the church in which they and the Father of this country worshipped. I desire a plain marble shaft erected with my name, date of birth, date of death, and place with no obiturary record except two quotations from scripture, viz; Px. CXIX: 71 "It is good for me that I have been afflicted." PX. XVII: 15 "I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy likeness."

"I desire a handsome marble slab with suitable inscription placed over my father's grave should none have been placed there before my death; also the grave yard at Rosemont safely enclosed."

The will was witnessed at Abbeville by Gabriel Hodges, James L. Lesley and S. E. Graydon, while the witnesses to the Codicil were B. W. Ball, J. F. Watts and G. W. Calhoun.

The codicil, made a part of the last will and testament of Miss Cunningham a few months before her death, directed that she be buried in the church yard burial ground of the Old Presbyterian Church in the city of Columbia, thus revoking her earlier request of burial in Virginia.

Rosemont, Laurens County, S. C. House of Revolutionary Fame

ROSEMONT

Historic Rosemont of Revolutionary fame was located several miles below Waterloo and was one of the landmarks of note in Laurens County before it was burned in August, 1930, when its owner and sole occupant, Hugh Banks Cunningham, lost his life in a fire of undetermined origin.

Rosemont was built in 1740 by Patrick Cunningham and was described as the largest frame house in upper South Carolina. The logs for the lumber for the home were cut on the estate, sent to Charleston, thence to England to be sawed. The blinds were also made in England, while the brick for the chimneys was made on the grounds by English workmen. All were in a remarkable state of preservation at the time of the fire.

The mansion gained additional fame as the home of Ann Pamela Cunningham, who from her sick bed, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Louisa Cunningham, was instrumental in organizing the Mount Vernon Association for the preservation of Washington's home as a national shrine.

Progress has silenced garden's eloquent voice of yesterday

Story and photos by Libby C. Rhodes

On what was once a gentle slope on the banks of the yellow Saluda River lies a tangled forest-pressed garden, Rosemont of the Cunninghams, whose silence of today is eloquent with voices of yesterday.

Below the garden was a long stretch of park-like forest that is today covered by the waters of Lake Greenwood.

Around the middle of the 18th century two brothers, Patrick and Robert Cunningham, of an old Scottish clan that had settled in Virginia in 1681, moved to what was then the Ninety-Six District of the Royal Colony of South Carolina.

Patrick became deputy surveyor general of the colony and, as a reward for his services, was granted by the Crown thousands of acres of land situated on the left bank of the Saluda River.

Cunningham erected a proper and commodious manor house on his vast domain, where he and his children's children might dwell in peace.

The finest trees in the forest were felled and the logs rafted down the river and to Charles Town. As they could not be properly sawed there he is said to have arranged with the captains of some English vessels laying in the harbor to use them as ballast and so they went to London where they were fashioned into boards and framing. Also in England, Patrick purchased doors and carved mantels.

Oyster shells were hauled over land from the coast and burned for lime, brick were burned from clay on the site, and all the nails and hardware were fashioned in plantation forges.

So Rosemont was built, a castle in the wilderness, the first and for a long while the largest frame building in the interior of South Carolina.

It stood a full two stories with a high basement beneath and a vast dormered attic above. There were tall two-stepped brick chimneys at either gabled end. And at the rear a two-story verandahed ell overlooked the park and distant river. The front porch, extending across the center of the first story, presented four graceful arches in front with a wide flattened arch at either end. The exterior of the house under the porch was finished in white plaster.

Throughout the Revolution the Cunninghams remained loyal to their king, becoming the most prominent Tory clan in the Carolinas. Both Patrick and his brother Robert served with distinction and bravery on the British side.

Following the Revolution, Patrick fled to the Bahamas and Rosemont was confiscated. In 1785 he returned and recovered his estates at the cost of 1/12 of his possessions and seven years disfranchisement. Five years later this disqualification was removed and the master of Rosemont the following year was unanimously elected to the General Assembly.

Patrick's son, Robert, read law with John C. Calhoun at Abbeville. Robert was loyal to the new order, and raised and led a regiment against the British in the War of 1812.

Shortly after the war, Robert married Louisa Bird, daughter of Colonel William Bird, of Pennsylvania, who moved to Georgia in 1796. His family was one of great social distinction and wealth. Louisa's mother was a daughter of Colonel Dalton of Virginia.

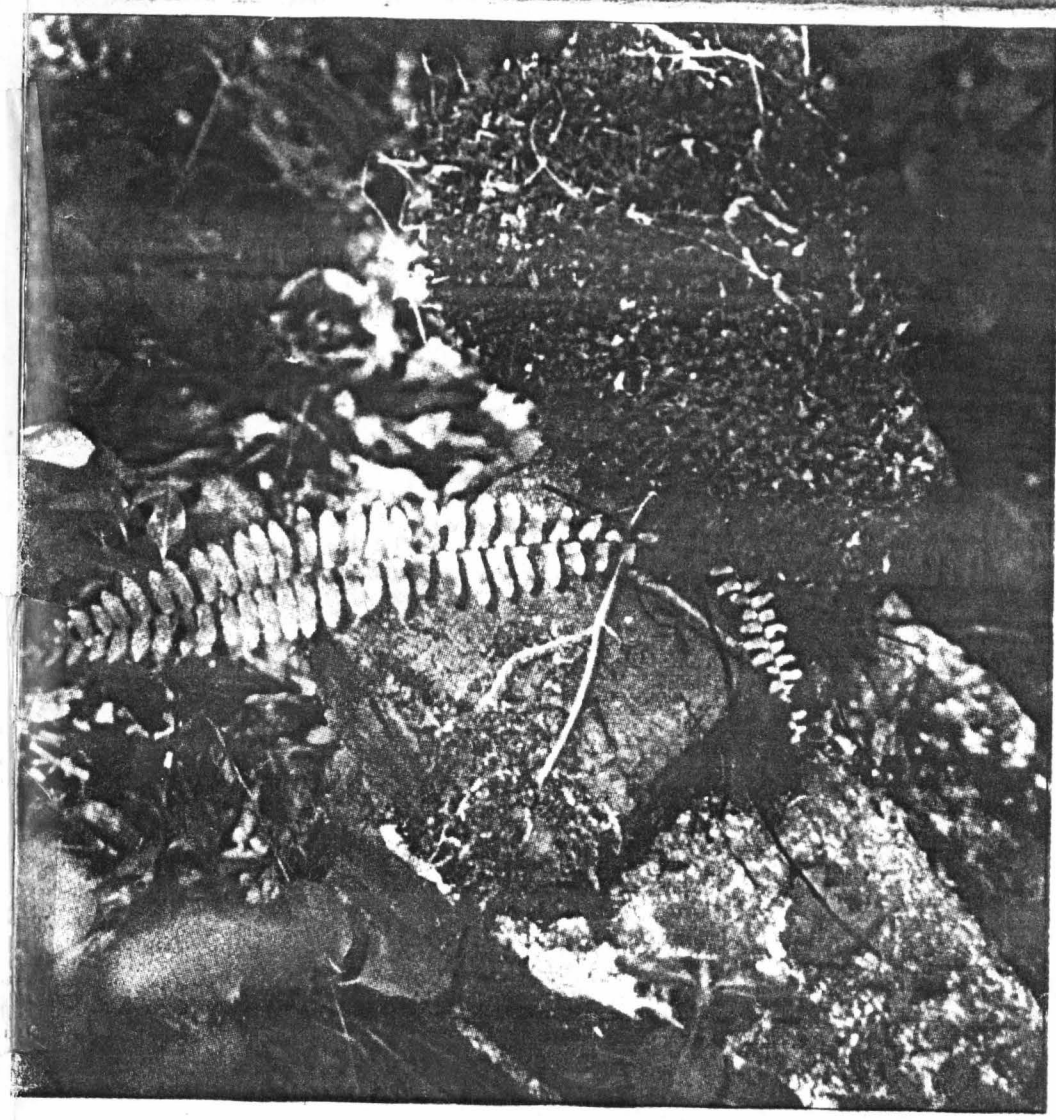
During the period of Robert and Louisa Cunningham, Rosemont knew its greatest glory. Scattered over the estate were quarters for 500 slaves. Great sheds were erected to shelter thousands of head of cattle that fattened on the lush pastures valleys and hillsides.

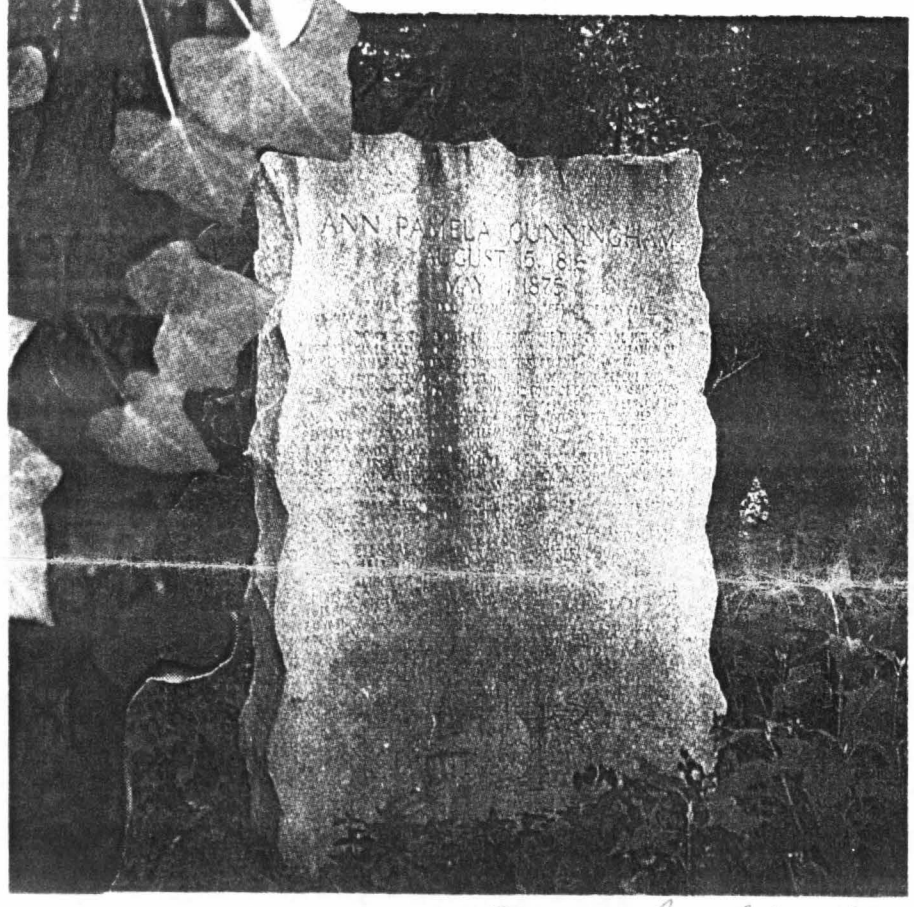
Of Louisa Cunningham, Governor B. F. Perry wrote, "She was not only beautiful herself, but she had a love and taste for the beautiful; her passion for flowers was unsurpassed."

This love was translated into reality by her creation at Rosemont of a flower garden covering fourteen acres surrounded by a stately grove and park of 30 acres. Here she gathered, in formal arrangement, plants and trees from all parts of the world. Included in the collection were rare shrubs and hundreds of English box bushes sent her by Judge Bushrod Washington from Mount Vernon.

A double avenue, winding through the flower garden, encircled the house and led to the park and river shore. In front of the house the flower garden was laid in formal arrangement with borders and circles of English box, while English roses formed the chief floral accent and gave new meaning to the name of the estate.

Among numerous other plantings the garden also included the dainty violet-blue flowered periwinkle, English ivy, magnolia and linden trees, lillies, hollies and exotic yews.





The daughter, Ann Pamela, a lifelong invalid from a fall in childhood, found her chief joy in the acres of flowers that encircled her home.

Louisa Cunningham watched over and cultivated her garden with the care of a mother for her infant children. She had the honor of being the pioneer florist in the Upcountry. She was most generous, too, in the distribution of her rare and beautiful plants and flowers among friends and acquaintances.

To Mrs. Cunningham belongs the distinct honor of having suggested the restoration of Mount Vernon. In the summer of 1853 she wrote her daughter Ann Pamela, telling how she sailed down the Potomac one moonlit night, passed Mount Vernon, and was distraught at the neglect of the house. "How wonderful," the letter continued, "if the women of America could acquire this estate, restore it and preserve it forever as a shrine of patriotism."

As Ann Pamela read these words, and from her couch looked out over the ordered beauty of the garden of Rosemont, she was inspired to preserve Mount Vernon. She devoted her frail life to this accomplishment.

The Rosemont property descended to Ann Pamela's brother, John, then to his son Robert, whose daughter married Charles Banks of Savannah. Their son, Hugh, assumed his mother's family name and as Hugh Banks Cunningham became master of Rosemont where he lived amid his priceless heirlooms, portraits, furniture of rosewood and mahogany, tall pier mirrors, rare books, silver, glass and china – gathered through a century and a half, which had long rendered Rosemont Manor a treasure house of antique art.

One night in 1931 Hugh Banks Cunningham slept alone at Rosemont. Just before dawn the garden and river were illuminated by a baleful glare. It was a night of mystery and horror. When the sun rose it saw only the gaunt chimneys rising above the ashes of Rosemont and its treasures. The master had perished in the flames.

Briars, vines and weeds have invaded Louisa Bird Cunningham's garden but the giant magnolia and boxwood, proudly erected in the dignity of their years, grow in the tangled forest along with patches of ivy and periwinkle – their leaves glistening in patches of sunlight. Roses also have survived the ravages of time and gone native. Their dark green foliage star strewn with white will forever bloom and give meaning to the name Rosemont.

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MINE INSTITUTE OPENS SESSION

Four States Represented As Annual Meeting of Organization Commences Saturday

Representatives of the coal mining industry from four states opened the ninth annual meeting of the Indiana Coal Mining Institute at the Hotel Deming Saturday morning, the morning program being occupied with registration, two technical papers, discussion and a business session.

Scheduled for the afternoon session was the election of officers, another technical paper and the showing of a motion picture on the prevention of coal mine explosions. The meeting was to be concluded Saturday evening with a banquet in the ballroom of the hotel, the principal speaker being Dr. C. T. Malan of the Indiana State Teachers College and state superintendent of public instruction-elect.

Members of the coal mining industry began to register at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, early arrivals being largely from the immediately surrounding fields and nearby points in Indiana and Illinois. Representatives from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky mining companies were expected, the attendance anticipated being between 300 and 400 members.

Welcomed By Mayor.

President R. A. Templeton called the Institute to order at 10 o'clock, and the visitors were welcomed by Mayor Joseph P. Duffy. Harry Cruikshank, chief electrician of the Dresser mine, Walter Bledsoe & Company, delivered a paper, "Maintenance of Mine Equipment for Maximum Production," discussion being led by Walter Wampler, chief electrician, Knox Consolidated Coal Corporation, Bicknell, and Victor Vandivoir, chief electrician of the

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BLAZE DESTROYS PLANT; ONE DEAD

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Fire early today destroyed the plant of the Condensor Service & Engineering Corp., active in national defense orders, with a loss estimated by company spokesmen at over $100,000. One man was killed.

The dead man was tentatively

FORMER COLLEGE LIBRARIAN DIES

Sat Dec 14 1940

Had Served State Institution Here Almost 40 Years Until Retiring in 1928

Arthur Cunningham, librarian of the Indiana State Teachers College from 1890 to 1928, died at his home, 539 South Center street, at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. He was 75 years old. Surviving him are the widow, Mrs. Bess R. Cunningham; three daughters, Mrs. Eleanor C. Griffin, of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Mary Alice Rundles, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Mrs. Jane C. Haseldine, of Terre Haute; one son, Joseph Arthur Cunningham; one sister, Mrs. J. Will Mount, of Richmond, Ind., and four grandchildren.

The body was taken to the P. J. Ryan & Sons Funeral Home and was returned to the residence at noon Saturday. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Russell Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Highland Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Cunningham came to Indiana State in 1890 and retired from his position as librarian in 1928. He was graduated from DePauw University in 1887 with a bachelor of arts degree and was an honor student in Latin. In 1890 he received his master of arts degree from DePauw after having spent three years at the university working as a librarian and at the same time writing his thesis for his degree.

He was offered the presidency of a Methodist college in Kentucky, but after communicating with Dr. W. W. Parsons, then president of Indiana State Normal School, chose to continue his library work and came here that summer.

In 1888, two years before his coming to Terre Haute, fire had destroyed the institution's library and a new library had been begun with $15,000 appropriated by the state legislature. This library of 5,000 books was uncatalogued and poorly arranged when Mr. Cunningham became librarian, but by the opening of school in the fall he had catalogued and systematized the library which he saw grow to a collection of approximately 100,000 volumes catalogued on a cross-file of approximately 500,000 cards. It was while Mr. Cunningham was librarian that the present library was built on the college campus and he took an active part in the planning of the building which was completed in 1910.

FIFTH AUTO ACCIDENT

thorized a $500,000 low-rent housing project for New Albany.

Under the council's measure, the New Albany Housing Authority will borrow money from the United States Housing Authority and build 148 dwelling units to rent for $9 monthly up.

Because of pressure from a citizens' committee, the council more than a year ago voted against the plan. Recently it reminded this action, but the mayor disapproved the ordinance.

In Fort Wayne, Mayor Harry W. Baals said the city council would start negotiating late next week to acquire 690 acres southwest of the city as site for a $6,500,000 army air base with a force of 1,700 to 3,000 men.

Baals officially accepted yesterday the war department's offer to establish the base near Fort Wayne and consented to temporary use of Paul Baer Municipal Airport while the permanent location was being made ready.

The constructing quartermaster's office at the Jeffersonville army quartermaster depot announced bids would be opened Dec. 31 to build two big warehouses with an aggregate floor space of 302,400 square feet—part of 14 such structures to provide 554,000 square feet of space.

3 MEN KILLED IN CRASH ON BRIDGE

FRANKLIN, Ind., Dec. 14.—(UP)—Three Indianapolis men were killed today when their automobile crashed into a bridge seven miles south of here.

The dead were:

Frank Burnell, 40; Charles R. McClellan, 21; Earl M. Lockabill, 24.

Two others, both of Indianapolis, were injured seriously. They were Lovell Thompson, 24, and Ralph Dearing, 22.

Officials investigating the accident and families of the men said they were unable to learn how the crash happened or where the men were going. They left home early last night.

Five Shows Swe Your Contri

Hundreds of children attended th five benefit motion picture show held this morning to aid th Tribune-Star Christmas Baske Fund. They witness shows just t their liking and at the same tim their contributions of cash an foodstuffs will aid materially i providing cheer in the form o Christmas baskets to the city need

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GREEKS PUSHING AHEAD TO VALONA

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Jugoslav frontier said that a large part of Tepelini was in flames after a fierce Greek artillery bombardment. The bombardment was said to have been followed by an infantry attack which penetrated the Italian lines to a depth of nearly 1,000 yards but finally was repulsed by the Italians with heavy losses.

At one point the Greeks were said to be within a mile of Tepelini and it was thought that the main Italian forces had moved north, leaving a rear guard to delay Greek entry into Tepelini as long as possible.

(The Greeks were said to be driving toward the village of Borova in the mountain region near the source of the Tomorica river.

(In this region and in the mountain ranges south of the Shkumbi river the Italians were said to be concentrating large forces, possibly in preparation for a counter-offensive.

(Units of the 11th Italian army were said to be established in the Chimara and Cika mountains with instructions to halt at any cost the Greek advance before it reached Valona.

PAUL COX AIRFIELD TAKES ON BUSY ASPECT RECENTLY

Paul Cox Field has taken on the atmosphere of a busy training center in the last year. Civilian pilot training programs are in a great measure responsible for this increase. The Dresser Aviation Co., local contractor for the Civil Aeronautics Board, are now completing their first year of training. In the last year well over one hundred CAB students have been trained, including ten advanced flight students who will graduate late in January.

Increased courses, both ground and flight, will begin immediately upon completion of the present program. Enrollments will begin immediately after the first of the year. At the present, Dresser Aviation Co. has a complete staff of instructors, including O. W. Jones and George Hale, advanced instructors, and F. R. Hale, L. W. Long and Howard Hodges, primary instructors.

Equipment used includes four primary trainers and ten advanced trainers. One advanced training ship is a biplane of the 200-horsepower class, and is used for acrobatic instruction. Other planes will

DEATHS

ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM.

Funeral services for Arthur Cunningham, former librarian of the Indiana State Teachers College, who died at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, will be held from the residence, 529 South Center street, at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Russell Phillips will officiate and burial will be made in Highland Lawn cemetery. The body was returned Saturday to the residence from the P. J. Ryan & Sons Funeral Home. Active pallbearers will be Byron Kelso, Dr. Harry Wann, Dr. J. F. Mackell, Dr. Dewey Annakin, Omer Rhodes and Walter Talley. Honorary pallbearers will be Ralph N. Tirey, president of Indiana State Teachers College; Prof. J. B. Wisely, Prof. Edwin Bruce, Prof. E. N. Canine, Prof. A. C. Payne, Dr. Rudolph Acher, Dr. C. T. Malan, E. T. Hazeldine, P. E. Allen, Prof. W. J. Jurman and J. C. Stimson. Surviving him are the widow, Mrs. Bess R. Cunningham; three daughters, Mrs. Eleanor C. Griffin, of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Mary Alice Rundles, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Mrs. Jane C. Hazeldine, of Terre Haute; one son, Joseph Arthur Cunningham; one sister, Mrs. J. Will Mount, of Richmond, Ind., and four grandchildren.

FRED FRANZWA.

Fred Franzwa, 24 years old, died at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in Detroit, Mich., following a brief illness. He was a former Terre Haute resident, and a graduate of Rose Polytechnic Institute in the class of 1936. He was a member of the A. T. O. fraternity while at Rose Poly. Surviving are the widow, Elnore Haupt Franzwa; two sons and one daughter; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Franzwa, of Terre Haute; three sisters, Dorothy, Louise and Rita, and one brother, Richard. He was an executive of the General Motors Company in Detroit. The body will arrive Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and will be taken to the Callahan Funeral Home, from where funeral services will be held at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning with requiem mass at 10 o'clock at St. Benedict's church. Burial will be made in Calvary cemetery. The rosary will be recited at the funeral home at 8 o'clock Sunday evening.

MRS. LUCY JANE PAYNE.

Mrs. Lucy Jane Payne, 63 years old, died at 9:40 o'clock Friday morning. Surviving are five daughters, Marthetta Yetman, Mrs. Verna Stevenson and Edith, Thelma and Grace Payne; one son, Russell; five brothers, William, Benjamin, Edward, Robert and Charles E. Moore; three sisters, Mrs. Mearle LaForce, Mrs. Ida Lintz and Mrs. Bertha Easterday, and ten grandchildren. The body was taken to the Thomas Funeral Home and Saturday was removed to the residence, where it will remain until 9 o'clock Monday morning. At that time it will be returned to the funeral home, where funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park.

FANNIE KENT OXFORD.

Fannie Kent Oxford, 49 years old, died at her residence at Thirty-first street and Grand avenue, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She is survived by her husband, Edwin; three sons, Eugene, Ray and David; three daughters, Bonnie, Ione and Mary; the mother, Mrs. Elsie Kent; two brothers, James and Harvey Kent; three sisters, Mrs. Edna Fitch, of Fisher, Ill.; Mrs. Maggie Richardson, of Spencer, Ind., and Mary Gallian, Bloomington, Ind. The body was taken to the Cross Funeral Home and will be returned to the residence Sunday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Vandenburg Chapel with Rev. Jansen officiating.

GEORGE LONGMAN.

Funeral services for George Longman, 89 years old, who died at his residence, 1674 North Seventh street, Friday afternoon, will be held from St. Stephen's Episcopal church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The body will be brought from the home to the church at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, where it will

Arvel and Larkin; two daughters, Essie Trazioli and Alice Dickerson; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. The body was taken to the DeBaun Funeral Home in Prairie Creek and Saturday was returned to the residence. Funeral services will be held from the residence at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon with continued services at the New Harmony church at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the New Harmony cemetery.

OLIVE STALKER MARTIN.

Olive Stalker Martin, 74 years old, died at 9:45 o'clock Saturday night at St. Anthony's hospital. She is survived by her husband, Ambrose; one son, Frank; three daughters, Mrs. Maude Thornhill; Mrs. Blanche Cross and Mrs. Alice Pennington; three brothers, Lynn Stalker, Dee and Odis; two grandsons, Claude Thornhill and Dick Cross. The body was taken to the Cross Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.

SOPHIA LOTTIE WILSON.

Sophia Lottie Wilson, 74 years old, died at the residence at 2141 Hendricks avenue at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. She is survived by one son, Frank Lockwood; one brother, Frank Peterson, and three grandchildren. The body was taken to the Gillis Memory Chapel pending funeral arrangements.

ORA KIRKMAN.

Funeral services for Ora Kirkman, 61 years old, of Freedom, Ind., who died at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening at the Robert Long Hospital in Indianapolis, will be held at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Gillis Memory Chapel. Burial will be held in Grandview cemetery.

JOSEPH BLACK.

Funeral services for Joseph Black, 32 years old, who died at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Union hospital, will be held at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Rogerson Funeral Home in West Terre Haute. Burial will be in the Black cemetery.

JOHN FRANKLIN MOORE.

Funeral services for John Franklin Moore, 19 years old, 2015 Fourth avenue, who died at 10 o'clock Thursday evening at the Union hospital, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Gillis Memory Chapel. Burial will be in the Union cemetery.

DR. RALPH VAN CARPENTER.

Special To The Tribune-Star.

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 14.—Dr. Ralph Van Carpenter, 41 years old, World War veteran, and formerly of this city, died suddenly Friday at his home in Denver, Colo., according to a telegraph message received this morning by relatives here. Carpenter had not been very well for the past year, but his death was sudden and was caused by an acute attack of heart trouble. He is survived by two daughters, Misses Mary Vanice and Shirley Mae Carpenter, of Denver. He is also survived by three brothers, Jay Carpenter of Miami Beach, Fla.; Rev. Guy Carpenter of Indianapolis, and Don P. Carpenter of this city. Funeral arrangements have not been completed but it was announced that the body would be brought here for final service and interment probably Monday.

MRS. VIOLA JACKSON.

Special To The Tribune-Star.

CORY, Ind., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Viola Jackson, 39 years old, died at her home one-half mile south of here at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning. She is survived by the husband, Ermel; one daughter, Marian Sue; two sisters, Mrs. Merle Coble, Cory, and Mrs. Loretta Hindsley, of Indianapolis; two brothers, Harlan and Harvey Warken; two aunts, Mrs. Effie Whittington, Brasil, and Mrs. Edna Daniels, also of Brasil; several nieces and nephews. The body was removed to the Fox Funeral Home in Riley and was returned to the residence Saturday afternoon. Funeral services will be held from the residence at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, with continued services in the Oak Hill United Brethren church, with Rev. Huckeride officiating. Burial will be in the Oak Hill cemetery.

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RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of Cunningham - Frances, James, Marie d 1840 B 1825-
in response to your request of 7-7-84.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

2. Surname File:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

3. Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find _____ Found over

4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

7. Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find _____ Found ✓
Francis d. July 27 1840 age 60 y 8 mo
m. Elizabeth d. May 1 1857 age 74 y 1 m 2 d Woodlawn Cemetery

8. Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 cols.):
Did not find ✓ Found _____

9. Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials
Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find _____ Found ✓
Same info as # 7. p. 44

10. Census Index for the year _____:
Did not find _____ Found _____

OTHER: See opposite side

mes Cunningham

Bradsby

p. 156 arrival to TH in 1816 (Land records etc)

189 Land entry 1816 US to JC SE quarter Sect 5 Township 14 Range 8 - Dec 5

JC to Wm S McCarter above land Dec 11

193 1818 Land entry Truman Blackman to JC certificate SE quarter Sect 3 Township 13 Range 10 Nov 30

197 1820 Land entry JC to John F King SE quarter Sect 3 Township 13 Range 10 Jan 20

p 291 Feb 19 1819 licensed to keep a tavern in TH

p 323 Sheriff appts JC Bailiff of court 1818

p. 387-388 JC listed as son of Nathaniel Cunningham (1810-1881). There is also a Frank C listed as another surviving son. Could this be Francis?

47 JC elected constable of Wabash Twp

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p. 75 JC granted tavern licence in 1819

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. 31 listed as living in Vigo County in 1816

128 JC listed as 1st Brickmaker

Cahey

p. 91 licensed to keep tavern in 1819

92 shown as arriving in 1816

93 1st Buckmaker

ancis Cunningham

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24 listed as settling in TH after 1818 (c. 1823)

37 " " arrivals in 1820

50 listed as owning tavern on NW corner of 2nd & ~~Main~~ Main Sts

57. Recollections of William Earle (1st white female child b. in TH). TH as he remembered it in 1823. Lengthy paragraph on F.C. & wife

88 Listed as postmaster c 1832

92 FC died in summer of 1840. resident of TH from earlier days. Magistrate for many years. Postmaster from 1829-39

adsby

P.204 Land entry 1824 FC to John & Asa Whitcomb 160 acres of the NW quarter of section 4 Township 11 Range 9 & other lands Sept 25

209 Land entry 1825 FC, administrator, Truman Blackman to Samuel Jackson 120 acres SE quarter Sec 1 Towns 12 Range 9 Oct 8

227 " 1830 " " "

to James Farrington north ½ of SW quarter 40 acres SE quarter of Section 1 Township 12 Range 9 March 28

298 granted liquor license ~~Sept~~ Sept 8 1824

345 Session of Probate Court Oct 15 1821
Letter granted for Estates of Truman Blackman to Remember Blackman & FC

346 FC (~~Sept 23~~ Sept 1 1823) named guardian of James Blackman

372 FC - Tavern on NW corner of 2nd & Main

386. Same thing as Beckwith p. 57

Buckby, cont'd

p. 423 Census of TH Oct 9 1829 listed FC w 16 in Household 10 male 6 female

p. 437 Census - 1837 listed F.C., Mat C, Wm C John R C.

p 464 Notice in newspaper of F.C. appointment to postmaster

Condit p. 64 Frank C. postmaster

p. 141 F.C named Postmaster 1830 (replacing Wm Cuft) for pol reasons

Clark

p. 129 Samuel Crawford married daughter of FC 1831

p 185 Listed as shareholder (2 shares at $5 ea) in Buck school project (TH School House) (NW corner 8th & Walnut - St Joseph's Academy later

409. Appointed postmaster. FC Known as "Uncle Frank" - was ardent democrat

412 list of Postmasters FC Feb 1830-1837

509. Masonic History

March 7 1822 FC 1st appeared in records moved to TH from Vincennes; opened tavern which became headquarters & meeting place of lodge

510 Left lodge ~~June~~ Dec 1824

Wabash Valley Remember

FC mentioned in Masonic History p 90 91

Vernice Dreis
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July 7, 1984

Dear Reader,

Do you have any information on Frances Cunningham and his family? He had a tavern in Terre Haute, served as a magistrate and was post master from 1829-1839. He died in 1840.

Since James Cunningham secured a license to open a tavern Feb. 19-1819 — was he Frances father who passed the business on to his son?

My Great-Grandmother was Marie Cunningham born 17-Nov-1825 in Terre Haute, and I am trying to find out if she is of this family.

I would greatly appreciate any help you might give me.

Thank You
Vernice Dreis

(1) Old Photo of Jack Cunningham
(2) " " " Dr. Cunningham

Jack Burroughs

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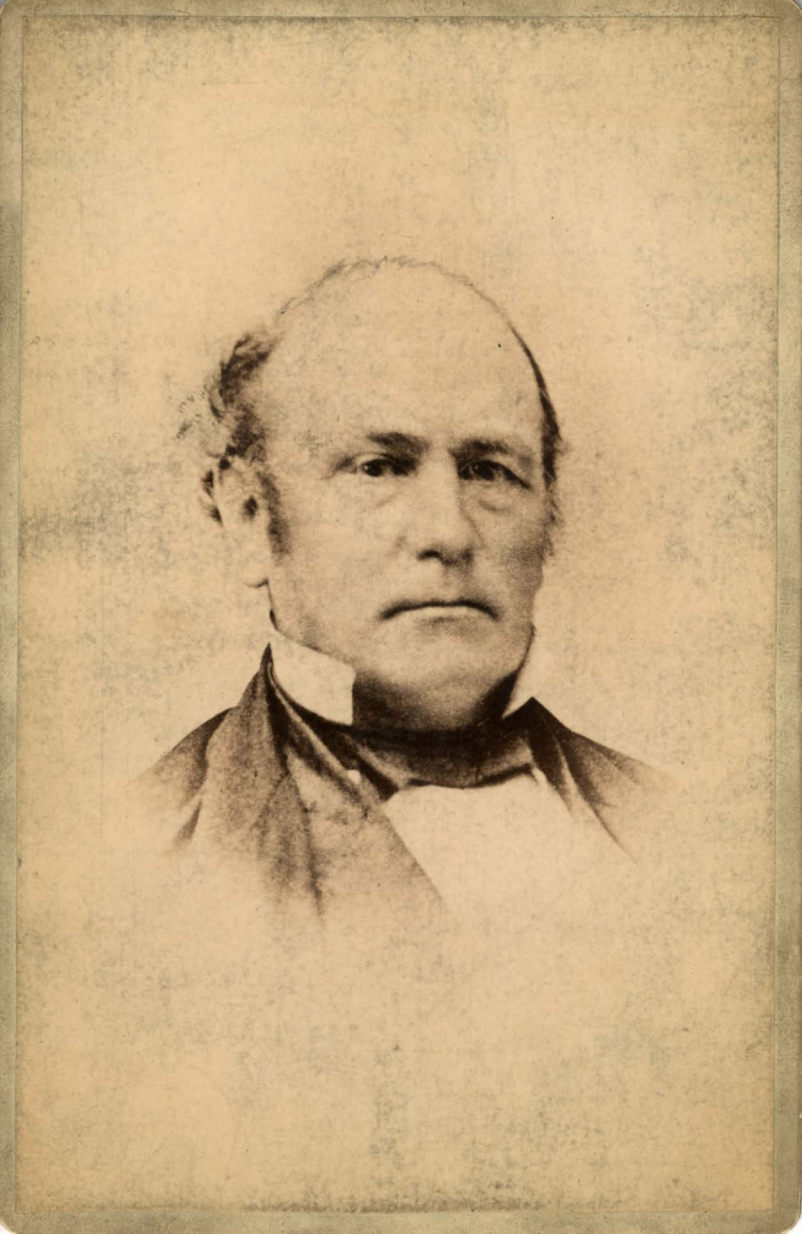

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Cunningham Family

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July 27, 1995

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources I checked for your ancestors.

Marriages from the 1860s did not name the parents of the bride and groom. However, we have an every name index to the 1860 Indiana census, and I soon found a 16 year old Eliza E. Walden in nearby Clay county. Her parents were Western and Harriet Walden. The 1850 census shows Western Walden living in Vigo county, and he and Harriet were married here in 1836. I believe that this Eliza was the one who married John Cunningham. Perhaps the family went to Clay county for a time but returned to Vigo by 1865.

I found a 12 year old John A. Cunningham in Clay county but no John or John C. of the right age in Clay or Vigo. I also checked the 1870 Vigo county census index but did not find John and Eliza or Western Walden. They are not mentioned in our books of Vigo county cemetery records, and I wonder if they left this area.

If you would like copies of any of the items on the research report, our charge is 15¢ per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Walden, Eliza m. John Cunningham in response to your request of 7-19-95.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find _____ Found _____

(2.) Surname File:
Did not find Walden Found Cunningham file does not mention John

(3.) Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find _____ Found Cunningham, Joh (Rev) Cronin p 244, Eliza - Bradsby p 357 & 993
No Eliza Walden / Waldon (over)

(4.) Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find _____ Found Walden, Western & Harriet N. Ooley 17 July 1836 - Also other Waldens / Waldons / Waldins

(5.) W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Walden, Eliza E. & John C. Cunningham Sept. 12, 1865 Bk 3 p 381

(6.) W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Only John Cunningham d. in 1902 at age 28 & only Elizabeths (no Elizas) d. in 1885 at age 18 and in 1904 at age 38 - No Western or Harriet Walden

(7.) Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find Western Walden Found Other Waldens

(8.) Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find John & Eliza Found No Western Walden but some other Waldens / Waldons in vols 1 & 4

(9.) Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find _____ Found vol 1 p 49 Only Eliza d. in 1868 at age 52 vol 2 p 39 & 40 Other Cunninghams
Vol 1 p 230 & 231 Waldens / Waldons but no Western

(10.) Census Index for the year 1860 & 1870:
Did not find _____ Found 1860 Every Name Index to 1860 Indiana Census — 16 year old Eliza E. Walden in Clay Co p 733
12 year old John A. Cunningham in Clay Co p 706 but no John or John C. in Clay or Vigo

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Other: (also check other side)

#3. Cronin p 244- Biographical sketch of Arthur Cunningham says his father or grandfather (both named Joseph) had a son John who was a Congregational minister for 50 years & lived to age 90.
Bradsby refers to Elizas whose maiden name was Cunningham-

#10 Dick Johnson Twp., Clay Co. Ind p 733
28 June 1860

Western Walden	-	50 - Engineer -	b. KY	
Hariet	=	44 House keeper	=	
James H.	=	20 Engineer	Ind	
Eliza E.	=	16 Domestic	=	
Sarah J.	=	13	=	
William S	=	11	=	
Charles E	=	6	=	

1870 Index for Vigo Co. only - No John & Eliza Cunningham family - No Wester Walden

Honey Creek Twp. Vigo Co. Ind p 134
14 Oct 1850

Western Walden	-	40 - Miller -	b. KY	
Harret	=	35	=	
James H	=	10	Ind	
Eliza E	=	6	=	
Sarah	=	4	=	
William	=	1	=	

no SASE

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July 19, 1995

Dear Sir/Madam;

I am researching some of my ancestors who lived in your county in the early 1800s, and would like some information on them, if you have it. In the book, "Index to Marriage Records of Vigo County", I noted the following entry, on Page 108:

Walden, Eliza E. To John C. Cunningham on Sept. 12, 1865.

I am trying to find out if this is my ancestor (Eliza Walden) and need to get more information, such as her age, place of birth, any relatives of hers, etc. Anything would be much appreciated. I will pay for any copies of documents, if you let me know how much they are.

I truly appreciate any help you may give me. Thank you so very much!

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Pixton

1860
Census
Walden, Eliza C. - age 16 - Clay 6 p 733

1850 census Vigo 6 p 134

CUNNINGHAM, MRS. ARTHUR (BESSIE)

JUL 2 1974

Mrs. Cunningham To Celebrate 90th Birthday

JUL 2 1974

A reception on Saturday will honor Mrs. Arthur Cunningham, 529 S. Center St., who will be celebrating her 90th birthday.

The reception will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. Saturday at the Woman's Department Club.

The recepton will be given by Mrs. Cunningham's children, Mrs. Kenneth Hazeldine, Terre Haute; Mrs. M. Cunningham-Rundles, New York, N. Y., and Joseph A. Cunningham, South Bend. A step-daughter, Mrs. Eleanor C. Griffin, died in January at Boise, Idaho.

Widow of the late Arthur Cunningham, for whom the Cunningham Memorial Library at Indiana State University is named, Mrs. Cunningham has nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The three children of Mrs. Griffin have twelve children.

Born in Leesville, Ohio, July 6, 1884, Bess Rippeth Cunningham came to Terre Haute as a bride in 1909 from Canton, Ohio.

She was soon active in local women's clubs and was a founder and president of both the Woman's Department Club and the Centenary United Methodist Church Guild. A charter member and past president of Chapter K. PEO Sisterhood, the local woman later served all the offices in the state PEO organization. She is a past president of the Indiana State University Wives Club and is an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Long a patron of arts, Mrs. Cunningham is affiliated with Community Theatre First Nighters, Sheldon Swope Art Gallery and The Terre Haute Symphony. Also a knowledgeable world traveler, for many years she shared her travel experiences by giving film lectures, often appearing in the costumes of the countries visited.

During World War II, Mrs. Cunningham served four years as chairman of the Vigo County War Bond Sales committee.

Mrs. Cunningham continues to reside in her antique-furnished home and still enjoys gardening, reading and club activities.